

5. List Policy

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Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.5, 3712.00/1, 3712.NI 1/1 - 5, New Item No.1 W.P./1 and 2.

1. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that he had forwarded to his authorities the information supplied by the United States Delegation on the 1st February. After careful study, the Italian authorities agreed with the technical arguments which had been put forward by the United States Delegation and were therefore able to support that Delegation's proposal to place electron beam welders under embargo.
2. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his authorities also had studied closely everything that had been advanced by the United States Delegation on the 1st February. These arguments, however, had not led to any change in their views as set out in paragraph 3 of COCOM Document 3712.NI 1/3 and confirmed in paragraph 5 of COCOM Document 3712.NI 1/5.
3. The GERMAN Delegate stated that the German Government had given careful study to the additional explanations supplied by the United States Delegation. This study had not, however, led them to change their position as explained in paragraph 4 of COCOM Document 3712.NI 1/3.
4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate again reminded the Committee that his Delegation regarded the case for the addition of this item to the Lists as "not proven". (See paragraph 10 of COCOM Document 3712.NI 1/5). In spite of this, his Delegation would not have stood out had there been unanimous agreement. That, however, was not the case.
5. The NETHERLANDS Delegate pointed out that his authorities had expressed readiness to accept any compromise solution. This was still their position.
6. The DANISH Delegate stated that his authorities were prepared to join the majority.
7. The UNITED STATES Delegate expressed his appreciation of the Italian Delegate's remarks, and was also glad to note that his Netherlands colleague was not opposed to the embargo proposal. While regretting that the United Kingdom Delegation continued to feel that the case was not proven, he took note that they too would have been able to accept the embargo in the event this would achieve unanimity. The problem therefore was clearly the French and German Governments' lack of conviction as to the need for this embargo. While recognising that the discussion could not be prolonged further at this stage, he asked the Delegations of the two last-named countries to endeavour to give further thought to the arguments adduced by the United States experts, pointing especially to paragraph 12 of COCOM Document 3712.NI 1/5, which, he felt, were conclusive. He hoped that it would be possible for the French and German authorities to reconsider their position and before long to report that they could accept the embargo which other members of the Committee were prepared to approve.
8. The CHAIRMAN concluded that the discussion was closed unless and until, in response to the United States Delegate's appeal, any other Delegation should bring up the matter once more.

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